

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 9-10, 14, 19-21 and 24-34 are pending. Claims 24-34 are new. Support for claim 24 can at least be found in the claims as originally filed. Support for claim 25 can be found at least in the specification on page 4, lines 32-35. Support for claim 26 can be found at least in the specification on page 5, lines 1-3. Support for claims 27-29 can be found at least in the specification on page 37, lines 8-10. Support for claims 30-31 can be found at least in the specification on starting on page 37, beginning at the last paragraph and continuing to the end of the first paragraph on page 38. Support for claim 32 can be found at least in the claims as originally filed and in specification on page 5, lines 1-3 and page 37, lines 8-10 and beginning at the last paragraph and continuing to the end of the first paragraph on page 38. Support for claims 33-34 can be found at least on page 6, lines 23-26.

No new matter has been added.

Remarks regarding the Restriction of claim 21

The Examiner has withdrawn claim 21 from further consideration under 37 CFR 1.142(b). Applicant respectfully asserts that this restriction is in error. The instant application is a National Phase filing of a PCT application and as such, restriction requirements center on the unity of invention. According to PCT Rule 13.2:

Where a group of inventions is claimed in one and the same international application, the requirement of unity of invention referred to in Rule 13.1 shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features. The expression "special technical features" shall mean those technical features that define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art.

Because the instant claims stand free of prior art, the technical features of the claims define a contribution which each of the claims, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art. In light of PCT unity of invention rules, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the restriction and rejoinder of claim 21.

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Remarks regarding Enablement

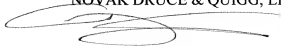
In light of Applicant's amendments, the 35 USC 112 enablement rejection is moot.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 14.1437. Please credit any excess fees to such account.

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